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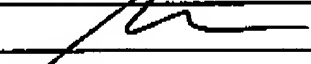
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Goodman	Patent No. 5,694,455	December, 1997
Leersmakers	Patent No. 6,928,468	August, 2005
Bowman-Amulah	Patent No. 6,477,580	November, 2002
Aho et al.	Patent No. 6,198,941	March, 2001

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Bottum	Patent No. 6,014,569	January, 2000
Kobayashi	Patent No. 5,963,877	October, 1999
Gerszberg et al.	Patent No. 6,385,305	May, 2002
Cao et al.	US-2005/0054379 A1	March, 2005

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

Audible, Inc.	Patent No. WO-98/11487	March, 1998
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FOREIGN OFFICE ACTIONS

Canadian Office Action dated April 21, 2004 (Copy included)
Canadian Office Action dated December 19, 2004 (Copy included)
Canadian Office Action dated March 31, 2005 (Copy included)
Canadian Office Action dated September 28, 2005 (Copy included)

RELATED CASES

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the following related cases that share a common specification with this case.


U.S. Patent No. 6,496,692
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/518,846 (Abandoned)
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/223,200
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,975
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/603,285
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/915,862
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/915,866

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Respectfully submitted,

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